

## The Crystal Structure and Luminescence Properties of Europium(II) Haloborates

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The crystal structures of  $\text{Eu}_2\text{B}_5\text{O}_9\text{X}$  ( $\text{X}=\text{Cl}$  and  $\text{Br}$ ) were determined by the method of X-ray diffraction analysis and refined by the least-square method to give  $R=0.054$  for 1967 observed reflections of  $\text{Eu}_2\text{B}_5\text{O}_9\text{Cl}$  and  $R=0.047$  for 1979 observed reflections of  $\text{Eu}_2\text{B}_5\text{O}_9\text{Br}$ . These haloborates are isostructural and belong to the orthorhombic (pseudotetragonal) system, with the  $Pnn2$  space group and with four formula units in a cell of those dimensions:  $a=11.364(3)$ ,  $b=11.301(3)$ , and  $c=6.504(2)$  Å for  $\text{Eu}_2\text{B}_5\text{O}_9\text{Cl}$ , and  $a=11.503(3)$ ,  $b=11.382(3)$ , and  $c=6.484(2)$  Å for  $\text{Eu}_2\text{B}_5\text{O}_9\text{Br}$ . The structure consists of a three-dimensional  $(\text{B}_5\text{O}_9)_\infty$  network, the  $\text{B}_5\text{O}_{12}$  groups of three  $\text{BO}_4$  tetrahedra and two  $\text{BO}_3$  triangles being linked together with one another. The Eu and X atoms are located alternately in tunnels of the  $(\text{B}_5\text{O}_9)_\infty$  network extending along the  $c$  axis. Each Eu atom is surrounded by two X atoms and seven O atoms, and is isolated from the neighboring Eu atoms attributable to borate units and X atoms. This arrangement of anions around Eu atoms relates to the fact that the  $\text{Eu}^{2+}$ -activated phosphors of alkaline earth analogs give emissions with a high quantum efficiency.

Phosphors of  $\text{Eu}^{2+}$ -activated alkaline earth compounds give emissions based on the  $4f^7-4f^65d$  transition or the  $4f^7-4f^7$  transition of the  $\text{Eu}^{2+}$  ion.<sup>1)</sup> Recently we have reported that the quantum efficiencies of compounds in the  $\text{EuO}-\text{B}_2\text{O}_3$  system and their  $\text{Eu}^{2+}$ -activated strontium analogs depend greatly on the structural frameworks of borate units.<sup>2)</sup> In the ternary system  $\text{EuO}-\text{EuX}_2-\text{B}_2\text{O}_3$  ( $\text{X}=\text{Cl}$  and  $\text{Br}$ ),  $\text{Eu}_2\text{B}_5\text{O}_9$ -type compounds have been obtained in attempts to prepare their boracite-type compounds,<sup>3)</sup> they are paramagnetic and give blue emissions based on the  $4f^7-4f^65d$  transition of the  $\text{Eu}^{2+}$  ion.<sup>4)</sup> The compounds obtained by the dilution of the  $\text{Eu}^{2+}$  ions in the  $\text{Eu}_2\text{B}_5\text{O}_9\text{X}$  matrix with alkaline-earth cations have been found to be efficient photoluminescent materials.<sup>5)</sup> In this paper, we wish to report on the crystal structure of  $\text{Eu}_2\text{B}_5\text{O}_9\text{X}$  and discuss their luminescence properties on the basis of X-ray structural analysis.

### Experimental

**Sample Preparation.** Single crystals of  $\text{Eu}_2\text{B}_5\text{O}_9\text{X}$  were prepared as follows: mixtures of  $\text{EuB}_2\text{O}_4$  and  $\text{B}_2\text{O}_3$  containing a large excess of  $\text{EuX}_2$  as a flux were heated on molybdenum boats above the congruent melting points of haloborates (about 1100 °C) for 1—2 h in He gas; the molten samples were then allowed to cool at a rate of 3—5 °C/h. When the unreactive  $\text{EuX}_2$  was then removed from the samples with washing with water, light-yellow crystals were obtained. Their crystal habits were prismatic for  $\text{Eu}_2\text{B}_5\text{O}_9\text{Cl}$  and needle-like for  $\text{Eu}_2\text{B}_5\text{O}_9\text{Br}$ .

The  $\text{Eu}^{2+}$ -activated strontium haloborates,  $\text{Sr}_2\text{B}_5\text{O}_9\text{Cl}$ :  $\text{Eu}^{2+}$  and  $\text{Sr}_2\text{B}_5\text{O}_9\text{Br}$ :  $\text{Eu}^{2+}$ , were obtained by the following standard ceramic technique: appropriate amounts of  $\text{SrX}_2$ ,  $\text{H}_3\text{BO}_3$ , and  $\text{SrCO}_3$ :  $\text{Eu}^{3+}$ , coprecipitated from a dilute HCl solution of  $\text{Sr}(\text{NO}_3)_2$  and  $\text{Eu}_2\text{O}_3$  (99.99%) by the slow addition of a  $(\text{NH}_4)_2\text{CO}_3$  solution, were fully mixed, pelletized, and heated at 950 °C for 2 h in a stream of a reducing atmosphere,  $\text{H}_2$ .

**Optical Measurements.** The ultraviolet luminescence spectra were measured according to a technique described elsewhere.<sup>2)</sup>

**X-Ray Data Collection.** Preliminary Weissenberg photographs and the Patterson syntheses showed that  $\text{Eu}_2\text{B}_5\text{O}_9\text{X}$  belongs to the orthorhombic (pseudotetragonal) system, with a

TABLE 1. CRYSTAL DATA

	$\text{Eu}_2\text{B}_5\text{O}_9\text{Cl}$	$\text{Eu}_2\text{B}_5\text{O}_9\text{Br}$
<i>F.W.</i>	537.43	581.88
Orthorhombic		
$Pnn2$ ( $0kl$ , $k+l=2n+1$ ; $h0l$ , $h+l=2n+1$ )		
<i>a</i> /Å	11.364(3)	11.503(3)
<i>b</i> /Å	11.301(3)	11.382(3)
<i>c</i> /Å	6.504(2)	6.484(2)
<i>V</i> /Å <sup>3</sup>	835.2(5)	848.9(4)
<i>D<sub>m</sub></i> /g cm <sup>-3</sup>	4.30	4.53
<i>D<sub>x</sub></i> /g cm <sup>-3</sup>	4.28	4.55
<i>Z</i>	4	4
<i>F</i> (000)	960	1032
Crystal size/mm <sup>3</sup>	0.14×0.08×0.17	0.10×0.10×0.20
$\mu(\text{Mo } K\alpha)/\text{mm}^{-1}$	15.283	19.264

noncentrosymmetric space group  $Pnn2$  and with  $Z=4$ .† The accurate cell parameters of  $\text{Eu}_2\text{B}_5\text{O}_9\text{Cl}$  and  $\text{Eu}_2\text{B}_5\text{O}_9\text{Br}$  were determined by least-square treatments of the X-ray powder diffraction patterns ( $\text{Cu } K\alpha_1$ ), calibrated with high purity silicon. The crystal data are summarized in Table 1.

The intensity data were measured on a Rigaku Denki automated four-circle diffractometer with  $\text{Mo } K\alpha$  radiation ( $\lambda=0.71069$  Å) monochromated with graphite. The  $\omega-2\theta$  scan technique was employed with a scanning rate of 4°/min. All the independent reflections were collected up to  $2\theta=70^\circ$ . Three standard reflections were monitored every 50 or 60 reflections; no apparent decay in intensity was detected. The reflections with  $F_o > 3\sigma(F_o)$  were considered as observed: 1967 and 1979 observed reflections were obtained for  $\text{Eu}_2\text{B}_5\text{O}_9\text{Cl}$  and  $\text{Eu}_2\text{B}_5\text{O}_9\text{Br}$  respectively. The Lorentz and polarization corrections were applied, but the absorption correction was not.

**Structure Determination and Refinements.** The structures of europium (II) haloborates were solved by the conventional heavy-atom method and were refined by the method of block-diagonal least-squares (*HBL5-V* program<sup>6)</sup>), the minimized function being  $\sum w(|F_o| - |F_c|)^2$ . From the three-dimensional Patterson syntheses, the coordinates of Eu and X atoms were determined: Eu(1) and Eu(2) atoms can be located on the general positions ( $4c$  site), while X(1) and X(2) atoms occupy

† The symmetry of  $\text{Eu}_2\text{B}_5\text{O}_9\text{Cl}$  has been erroneously reported as tetragonal in a previous paper.<sup>4)</sup>

TABLE 2. FINAL POSITIONAL AND THERMAL PARAMETERS FOR  $\text{Eu}_2\text{B}_5\text{O}_9\text{Cl}$ , WITH THEIR ESTIMATED STANDARD DEVIATIONS IN PARENTHESES(a) Europium atoms ( $\times 10^4$ )The form of the anisotropic thermal parameters ( $\times 10^5$ ) is  $\exp[-(\beta_{11}h^2 + \beta_{22}k^2 + \beta_{33}l^2 + \beta_{12}hk + \beta_{13}hl + \beta_{23}kl)]$ .

Atom	<i>x</i>	<i>y</i>	<i>z</i>	$\beta_{11}$	$\beta_{22}$	$\beta_{33}$	$\beta_{12}$	$\beta_{13}$	$\beta_{23}$
Eu(1)	2523(7)	475(6)	0	120(3)	106(3)	278(10)	25(6)	-61(12)	-61(14)
Eu(2)	255(6)	2403(6)	6624(12)	74(3)	149(3)	246(9)	-11(6)	-71(14)	17(17)

(b) Non-europium atoms ( $\times 10^3$ )

Atom	<i>x</i>	<i>y</i>	<i>z</i>	$B/\text{\AA}^2$	Atom	<i>x</i>	<i>y</i>	<i>z</i>	$B/\text{\AA}^2$
Cl(1)	0	0	862(6)	1.08(7)	O(7)	182(10)	269(10)	939(10)	0.21(11)
Cl(2)	0	500	613(6)	1.03(7)	O(8)	421(10)	207(10)	510(12)	0.53(12)
O(1)	244(10)	318(10)	594(10)	0.31(12)	O(9)	232(10)	114(10)	576(11)	0.46(12)
O(2)	211(10)	427(10)	1191(11)	0.60(13)	B(1)	274(14)	325(13)	809(15)	0.25(16)
O(3)	279(10)	225(10)	1255(10)	0.36(12)	B(2)	187(12)	299(12)	1162(20)	0.29(14)
O(4)	77(11)	270(11)	1263(11)	0.61(13)	B(3)	292(14)	217(13)	479(15)	0.31(16)
O(5)	286(11)	451(10)	853(12)	0.64(13)	B(4)	457(22)	231(21)	712(23)	1.40(27)
O(6)	384(12)	262(11)	856(12)	0.78(14)	B(5)	251(16)	497(15)	1035(15)	0.57(19)

TABLE 3. FINAL POSITIONAL AND THERMAL PARAMETERS FOR  $\text{Eu}_2\text{B}_5\text{O}_9\text{Br}$ , WITH THEIR ESTIMATED STANDARD DEVIATIONS IN PARENTHESES(a) Heavy atoms ( $\times 10^4$ )The form of the anisotropic thermal parameters ( $\times 10^5$ ) is  $\exp[-(\beta_{11}h^2 + \beta_{22}k^2 + \beta_{33}l^2 + \beta_{12}hk + \beta_{13}hl + \beta_{23}kl)]$ .

Atom	<i>x</i>	<i>y</i>	<i>z</i>	$\beta_{11}$	$\beta_{22}$	$\beta_{33}$	$\beta_{12}$	$\beta_{13}$	$\beta_{23}$
Eu(1)	2547(6)	501(6)	0	113(3)	118(3)	396(9)	35(6)	-62(11)	-52(12)
Eu(2)	307(6)	2374(6)	6572(10)	92(3)	140(3)	360(9)	-13(5)	-84(12)	7(15)
Br(1)	0	0	8769(27)	141(10)	163(11)	1146(46)	-58(18)	0	0
Br(2)	0	5000	6370(32)	112(9)	169(10)	1676(61)	6(16)	0	0

(b) Light atoms ( $\times 10^3$ )

Atom	<i>x</i>	<i>y</i>	<i>z</i>	$B/\text{\AA}^2$	Atom	<i>x</i>	<i>y</i>	<i>z</i>	$B/\text{\AA}^2$
O(1)	246(9)	318(9)	581(9)	0.40(11)	O(8)	423(7)	212(9)	500(11)	0.66(11)
O(2)	209(9)	427(9)	1182(10)	0.59(12)	O(9)	239(9)	115(9)	571(9)	0.62(12)
O(3)	279(9)	227(9)	1248(10)	0.59(12)	B(1)	275(12)	326(12)	805(13)	0.17(13)
O(4)	78(9)	267(9)	1254(10)	0.69(12)	B(2)	187(12)	299(12)	1167(17)	0.54(14)
O(5)	283(10)	454(9)	844(11)	0.76(12)	B(3)	295(12)	218(12)	471(13)	0.39(15)
O(6)	388(10)	266(10)	847(10)	0.76(12)	B(4)	462(14)	236(15)	699(14)	0.72(18)
O(7)	185(9)	271(8)	928(9)	0.35(10)	B(5)	248(12)	497(12)	1031(12)	0.29(14)

the special positions (2*a* and 2*b* sites). The remaining O and B atoms were located on the successive Fourier maps. The isotropic refinements gave a conventional *R* value of 0.06 for both compounds; further refinements with anisotropic thermal factors for heavy atoms reduced the *R* and *R<sub>w</sub>* values to 0.054 and 0.068 for 1967 reflections of  $\text{Eu}_2\text{B}_5\text{O}_9\text{Cl}$  and 0.047 and 0.053 for 1979 reflections of  $\text{Eu}_2\text{B}_5\text{O}_9\text{Br}$ , where  $R_w = [\sum w(|F_o| - |F_c|)^2 / \sum w(F_o)^2]^{1/2}$ . The weighting schemes of  $w = (F_{\text{max}}/F_o)^2$  for  $F_o > F_{\text{max}}$  and  $w = 1.0$  for  $F_o \leq F_{\text{max}}$  ( $\text{Eu}_2\text{B}_5\text{O}_9\text{Cl}$ ,  $F_{\text{max}} = 20.0$ ;  $\text{Eu}_2\text{B}_5\text{O}_9\text{Br}$ ,  $F_{\text{max}} = 40.0$ ), were employed. The atomic scattering factors were taken from the International Tables for X-ray Crystallography.<sup>7)</sup> The final positional and thermal parameters are listed in Tables 2 and 3.<sup>††</sup>

## Results and Discussion

Since the final parameters of  $\text{Eu}_2\text{B}_5\text{O}_9\text{Cl}$  are almost equal to those of  $\text{Eu}_2\text{B}_5\text{O}_9\text{Br}$ , the two europium(II) haloborates were considered to be isostructural with each other.

<sup>††</sup> The  $F_o - F_c$  Table is kept as Document No. 8111 at the Chemical Society of Japan.

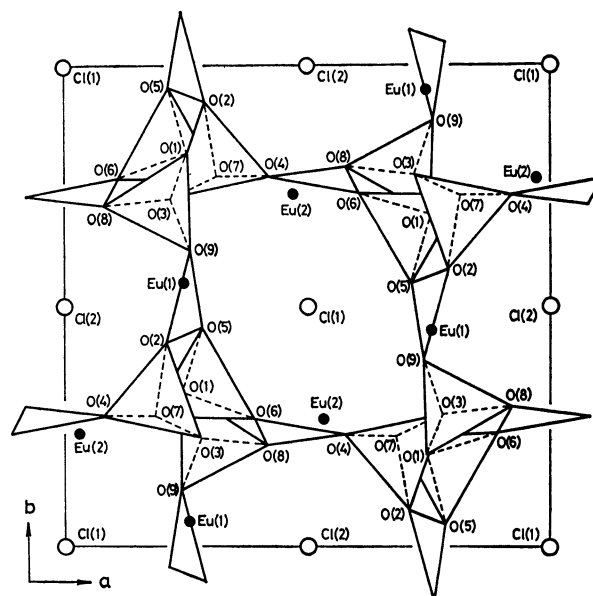
The interatomic distances and angles of  $\text{Eu}_2\text{B}_5\text{O}_9\text{Cl}$  are given in Table 4. There are two types of B atoms: in the first type [B(1), B(2), and B(3)], each B atom is tetrahedrally coordinated with four oxygens with B-O distances from 1.44 to 1.49 Å, while the second type [B(4) and B(5)] are triangularly coordinated borons with B-O distances from 1.30 to 1.41 Å. The O-B-O angles are about 110° for the tetrahedra and about 120° for the triangles. Three  $\text{BO}_4$  tetrahedra and two  $\text{BO}_3$  triangles form a  $\text{B}_5\text{O}_{12}$  group with sharing O atoms, and these groups are linked together with one another to form a three-dimensional  $(\text{B}_5\text{O}_9)_\infty$  network. The projection of the  $\text{Eu}_2\text{B}_5\text{O}_9\text{Cl}$  structure viewed along the *c* axis is shown in Fig. 1. The Eu and Cl atoms are alternately located in tunnels of the  $(\text{B}_5\text{O}_9)_\infty$  network, and each Eu atom is almost entirely isolated from neighboring Eu atoms because of the  $(\text{B}_5\text{O}_9)_\infty$  network for the *a* and *b* directions and Cl atoms for the *c* direction.

Each Eu atom has four nearest Eu neighbors with the mean interatomic distance of 4.387 Å and four next-nearest Eu neighbors with the mean interatomic

TABLE 4. INTERATOMIC DISTANCES (Å) AND BOND ANGLES (°) IN  $\text{Eu}_2\text{B}_5\text{O}_9\text{Cl}$ 

(a) The $(\text{B}_5\text{O}_9)_\infty$ network			
B(1)-tetrahedron		B(2)-tetrahedron	
B(1)-O(1)	1.44(2)	B(2)-O(2)	1.49(3)
-O(5)	1.46(2)	-O(3)	1.48(3)
-O(6)	1.47(2)	-O(4)	1.45(3)
-O(7)	1.48(2)	-O(7)	1.49(3)
O(1)-B(1)-O(5)	106(1)	O(2)-B(2)-O(3)	112(2)
O(1)-B(1)-O(6)	112(1)	O(2)-B(2)-O(4)	109(2)
O(1)-B(1)-O(7)	111(1)	O(2)-B(2)-O(7)	110(2)
O(5)-B(1)-O(6)	110(2)	O(3)-B(2)-O(4)	108(2)
O(5)-B(1)-O(7)	112(1)	O(3)-B(2)-O(7)	107(2)
O(6)-B(1)-O(7)	106(1)	O(4)-B(2)-O(7)	111(2)
B(3)-tetrahedron			
B(3)-O(1)	1.48(2)	O(1)-B(3)-O(3)	115(1)
-O(3)	1.47(2)	O(1)-B(3)-O(8)	111(1)
-O(8)	1.49(2)	O(1)-B(3)-O(9)	103(1)
-O(9)	1.49(2)	O(3)-B(3)-O(8)	104(1)
		O(3)-B(3)-O(9)	115(1)
		O(8)-B(3)-O(9)	110(1)
B(4)-triangle		B(5)-triangle	
B(4)-O(4)	1.41(3)	B(5)-O(2)	1.36(2)
-O(6)	1.30(3)	-O(5)	1.36(2)
-O(8)	1.40(3)	-O(9)	1.36(2)
O(4)-B(4)-O(6)	117(2)	O(2)-B(5)-O(5)	122(2)
O(4)-B(4)-O(8)	120(2)	O(2)-B(5)-O(9)	118(2)
O(6)-B(4)-O(8)	123(2)	O(5)-B(5)-O(9)	120(2)
(b) Eu-Eu distances <sup>a)</sup>			
Nearest neighbors		Next-nearest neighbors	
Eu(1)-Eu(2)	4.026(1)	Eu(1)-Eu(1 <sup>i</sup> )	5.731(1)
-Eu(2 <sup>i</sup> )	5.036(1)	-Eu(2 <sup>i</sup> )	5.833(1)
-Eu(2 <sup>ii</sup> )	4.421(1)	Eu(2)-Eu(2 <sup>i</sup> )	5.461(2)
-Eu(2 <sup>iii</sup> )	4.063(1)	-Eu(2 <sup>i</sup> )	5.899(2)
		Eu(1)-Eu(2)	5.473(1)
		-Eu(2 <sup>i</sup> )	6.253(1)
(c) Eu-Cl and Eu-O distances			
Eu(1)-polyhedron		Eu(2)-polyhedron	
Eu(1)-Cl(1)	3.052(7)	Eu(2)-Cl(1)	3.022(7)
-Cl(2)	2.958(6)	-Cl(2)	2.967(6)
-O(1)	2.665(10)	-O(1)	2.667(10)
-O(2)	2.465(11)	-O(3)	2.888(10)
-O(3)	2.621(10)	-O(4)	2.851(12)
-O(5)	2.581(12)	-O(6)	2.559(12)
-O(6)	3.000(12)	-O(7)	2.552(10)
-O(7)	2.662(10)	-O(8)	2.617(12)
-O(9)	2.866(11)	-O(9)	2.801(11)

a) Symmetry code: Eu(1<sup>i</sup>), ( $\bar{x}, \bar{y}, z$ ); Eu(2<sup>i</sup>), ( $\bar{x}, \bar{y}, z$ ); Eu(2<sup>ii</sup>), ( $1/2-x, 1/2+y, 1/2+z$ ); Eu(2<sup>iii</sup>), ( $1/2+x, 1/2-y, 1/2+z$ ).

Fig. 1. A projection of the  $\text{Eu}_2\text{B}_5\text{O}_9\text{Cl}$  structure along the  $c$  axis.

distance of 5.823 Å for the Eu(1) atom or 5.772 Å for the Eu(2) atom. These interatomic distances are long compared with those of other europium(II) compounds with magnetic transitions,<sup>8)</sup> and are insufficient for the magnetic interactions between neighboring  $\text{Eu}^{2+}$  ions.<sup>9)</sup> For example, the Eu-Eu distances in  $\text{EuO}$  ( $T_c=69$  K) are 3.63 and 5.14 Å for the nearest and next-nearest Eu neighbors respectively. Therefore,  $\text{Eu}_2\text{B}_5\text{O}_9\text{X}$  is paramagnetic even at low temperature.

The anion environments around Eu(1) and Eu(2) atoms in  $\text{Eu}_2\text{B}_5\text{O}_9\text{Cl}$  are shown in Fig. 2. Both Eu(1) and Eu(2) atoms are surrounded with two Cl atoms and seven O atoms to form  $\text{Eu}(1)\text{O}_7\text{Cl}_2$  and  $\text{Eu}(2)\text{O}_7\text{Cl}_2$  polyhedra with Eu-Cl distances from 2.985 to 3.052 Å and Eu-O distances from 2.465 to 3.000 Å.

Peters *et al.*<sup>5)</sup> and Fouassier *et al.*<sup>3)</sup> have obtained  $\text{M}^{\text{II}}_2\text{B}_5\text{O}_9\text{X}$  phases in their attempts to prepare boracite ( $\text{M}^{\text{II}}_3\text{B}_7\text{O}_{13}\text{X}$ )-type compounds ( $\text{M}=\text{Ca}, \text{Sr}, \text{Ba}, \text{Eu}$ , and  $\text{Pb}$ ). That is to say, these metal ions do not give boracite-type compounds. Each  $\text{M}^{2+}$  ion in boracites, which are formed in a ternary system,  $\text{MO}-\text{MX}_2-\text{B}_2\text{O}_3$  ( $\text{M}=\text{Mg}, \text{Cr}, \text{Mn}, \text{Fe}, \text{Co}, \text{Ni}, \text{Cu}, \text{Zn}$ , and  $\text{Cd}$ ), is surrounded by two  $\text{X}^-$  ions and four  $\text{O}^{2-}$  ions.<sup>10)</sup> The fact that  $\text{M}_2\text{B}_5\text{O}_9\text{X}$ -type compounds are formed for  $\text{M}=\text{Ca}, \text{Sr}, \text{Ba}, \text{Eu}$ , and  $\text{Pb}$  may be due to their large ionic radii, since these ions hardly seem to occupy the sixfold sites of boracites.

The haloborates,  $\text{Eu}_2\text{B}_5\text{O}_9\text{Cl}$  and  $\text{Eu}_2\text{B}_5\text{O}_9\text{Br}$ , give

TABLE 5. LUMINESCENCE AND STRUCTURAL DATA FOR  $\text{Eu}^{2+}$ -ACTIVATED Sr-COMPOUNDS

Compound	$\lambda_{\text{max}}/\text{nm}^{\text{a)}$	$(\lambda/2)/\text{nm}^{\text{b)}$	$Q.E./\%^{\text{c)}$	$C.N.^{\text{d)}$	Structural framework	Reference
$\text{Sr}_2\text{B}_5\text{O}_9\text{Cl} : \text{Eu}^{2+}$	425	30	50	9	$(\text{B}_5\text{O}_9)_\infty$ network	This work
$\text{Sr}_2\text{B}_5\text{O}_9\text{Br} : \text{Eu}^{2+}$	430	30	60	9	$(\text{B}_5\text{O}_9)_\infty$ network	This work
$\text{SrB}_2\text{O}_4 : \text{Eu}^{2+}$	367	20	$\approx 2$	8	$(\text{BO}_3)_\infty$ chain	2a
$\text{SrB}_4\text{O}_7 : \text{Eu}^{2+}$	367	20	40	9	$(\text{B}_4\text{O}_7)_\infty$ network	2a

a)  $\lambda_{\text{max}}$  = Peak position of the emission band at 300 K. b)  $\lambda/2$  = Half-width of emission band. c)  $Q.E.$  = Quantum efficiency of the  $\text{Eu}^{2+}$  concentration of a sample optimized under optimum excitation at 300 K. d)  $C.N.$  = Eu-coordination number.

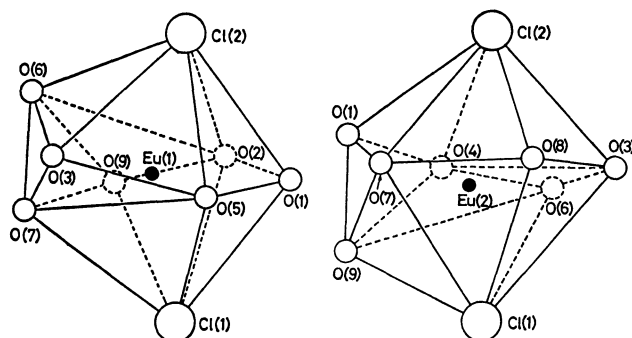


Fig. 2. Schematic illustrations of the  $\text{Eu}(1)\text{O}_7\text{Cl}_2$  and  $\text{Eu}(2)\text{O}_7\text{Cl}_2$  polyhedra in  $\text{Eu}_2\text{B}_5\text{O}_9\text{Cl}$ .

emissions at about 430 and 435 nm, and their  $\text{Eu}^{2+}$ -activated alkaline earth analogs are efficient phosphors. Since the ionic radius of the  $\text{Sr}^{2+}$  ion among alkaline earth cations is almost equal to that of the  $\text{Eu}^{2+}$  ion, strontium compounds are expected to be entirely isostructural with europium(II) analogs. Consequently, in order to discuss the relationship between the luminescence and structure of haloborates, we summarize the luminescence and structural properties for some  $\text{Eu}^{2+}$ -activated strontium compounds in Table 5.

The emission peak positions and shapes of  $\text{Eu}^{2+}$ -activated phosphors depend on the coordination numbers and symmetries of anions around  $\text{Eu}^{2+}$  ions, because the level of the  $4f^65d$  excited state is affected by the crystal field. The haloborates,  $\text{Sr}_2\text{B}_5\text{O}_9\text{Cl} : \text{Eu}^{2+}$  and  $\text{Sr}_2\text{B}_5\text{O}_9\text{Br} : \text{Eu}^{2+}$ , give emissions with a half-width of about 30 nm at 425–430 nm, while the emissions of  $\text{SrB}_2\text{O}_4 : \text{Eu}^{2+}$  and  $\text{SrB}_4\text{O}_7 : \text{Eu}^{2+}$  peak at about 367 nm. This must be because the symmetry of the  $\text{EuO}_7\text{X}_2$  polyhedra (Fig. 2) is low compared with those<sup>2a)</sup> of the  $\text{EuO}_8$  and  $\text{EuO}_9$  polyhedra in  $\text{SrB}_2\text{O}_4 : \text{Eu}^{2+}$  and  $\text{SrB}_4\text{O}_7 : \text{Eu}^{2+}$  because of the large  $\text{X}^-$  ions, although the  $\text{Eu}-\text{O}$  distances in these compounds are similar to one another (e.g., 2.519 to 2.783 Å for  $\text{EuB}_2\text{O}_4$ <sup>11)</sup> and 2.531 to 2.841 Å for  $\text{EuB}_4\text{O}_7$ <sup>12)</sup>).

The quantum efficiencies of a series of  $\text{Eu}^{2+}$ -activated strontium borates greatly depend on the constructions of their borate units.<sup>2)</sup> One of the quenching effects on  $\text{Eu}^{2+}$ -activated phosphors is a non-radiative process which proceeds by repeating the energy transfer *via* dipole-dipole interactions of  $\text{Eu}^{2+}$  ions.<sup>13)</sup> Consequently, if the electrostatic shield effects of anions around the  $\text{Eu}^{2+}$  ions within them differ from one another, the values of their quantum efficiencies should vary with the degree of the shield effect. The  $\text{Eu}^{2+}$  ions in  $\text{SrB}_2\text{O}_4 : \text{Eu}^{2+}$  are closely packed along  $(\text{BO}_2)_\infty$  chains and are expected to interact easily with the neighboring  $\text{Eu}^{2+}$  ions on the (010) and (020) planes. The borate,  $\text{SrB}_4\text{O}_7 : \text{Eu}^{2+}$ , in which the  $\text{Eu}^{2+}$  ions are completely surrounded with the  $\text{BO}_4$  tetrahedra of  $(\text{B}_4\text{O}_7)_\infty$  network, gives a higher quantum efficiency than  $\text{SrB}_2\text{O}_4 : \text{Eu}^{2+}$ .

The quantum efficiency of  $\text{Sr}_2\text{B}_5\text{O}_9\text{X} : \text{Eu}^{2+}$  is also very high compared with that of  $\text{SrB}_2\text{O}_4 : \text{Eu}^{2+}$ . The  $\text{Eu}^{2+}$  ions in  $\text{Sr}_2\text{B}_5\text{O}_9\text{X} : \text{Eu}^{2+}$  are isolated from neighbor-

ing  $\text{Eu}^{2+}$  ions by the  $(\text{B}_5\text{O}_9)_\infty$  network and  $\text{X}^-$  ions as well as those in  $\text{SrB}_4\text{O}_7 : \text{Eu}^{2+}$ ; hence, the above-mentioned quenching effect can be expected to be small. Therefore, the high quantum efficiency of  $\text{Sr}_2\text{B}_5\text{O}_9\text{X} : \text{Eu}^{2+}$  must be attributable to the arrangement of the borate units of the  $(\text{B}_5\text{O}_9)_\infty$  network and  $\text{X}^-$  ions.

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